

Amendment to the Abstract:

In the present application, after the claims, please insert the Abstract shown on the following page. The Abstract is the same as that published in the priority application, PCT WO 02/062828 A2 (International Application No. PCT/EP02/01180).

-- ABSTRACT

The invention relates to the use of specific tripeptides for the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases, and to pharmaceutical compositions comprising the tripeptides. The tripeptide derivatives satisfy the following formula (I): wherein X represents OH, (C₁₋₅) alkoxy, NH₂, NH-C₁₋₅-alkyl, N(C₁₋₅ alkyl)₂; R₁ is a residue derived from one of the amino acids Phe, Tyr, Trp, Pro, which each may be optionally substituted with one or more (C₁₋₅) alkoxy groups, (C₁₋₅) alkyl groups or halogen atoms, as well as Ala, Val, Leu or Ile; R₂ is a residue derived from one of the amino acids Gly, Ala, Ile, Val, Ser, Thr, Leu and Pro; Y₁ and Y₂ independently from each other represent H or (C₁₋₅) alkyl; R₃ and R₄ independently from each other represent H, OH, (C₁₋₅) alkyl or (C₁₋₅) alkoxy, provided that R₃ and R₄ are not both OH or (C₁₋₅) alkoxy; and R₅ represents H, OH, (C₁₋₅) alkyl or (C₁₋₅) alkoxy; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. --